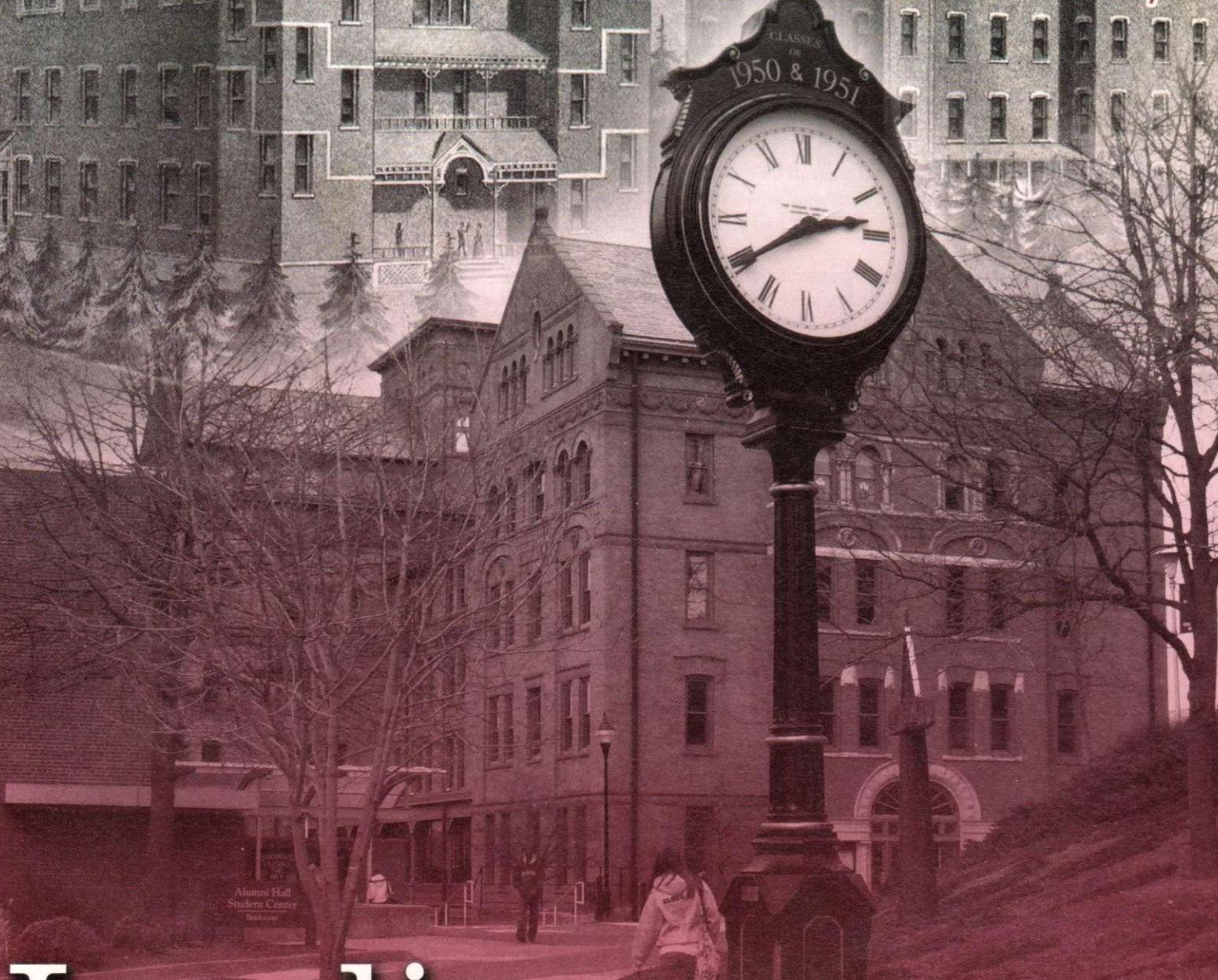


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Leading by Example

“I don’t know any
other way to lead
but by example.”

Don Shula

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Letter from the editor:

Hello Crossroads readers!

Working on this magazine was great. I wouldn't take it back for anything. The magazine that you are holding in your hands was created by the students in Mr. Mason's Magazine Writing and Production class. I am proud of it.

It was an experience to see everything come together. We started out with a bunch of blank pages and a lot of ideas. I thank all the staffers who put their hard work and effort into making this come together.

There were some bumps in the road as with all publications, but now it is all together. We put our best efforts into making the finished product.

This year's Crossroads theme is "Leading by example." It was a great theme to work with, because the possibilities are endless.

Within these 32 pages you will see that leadership comes in many forms and sizes. Leadership can be represented by different people. Flip through this magazine and you will see the variations: An Army veteran, a trumpeter, a basketball player, a single mom with two kids and a Civil War reenactor. That's just the beginning.

All of the leaders featured in Crossroads have a connection to Mansfield University and its community. This shows our fellow students that we can do and achieve anything. The opportunities are endless. Even though we go to a small school, we can be whomever we want to be.

Mansfield University's brand is "Developing tomorrow's leaders." Read on and you will find that the leaders within these pages are current students and alumni. The alumni have taken their experiences and the skills they developed at Mansfield and molded themselves into leaders.

You will also discover that leadership can take on different meanings. My definition of leadership is someone who takes charge whether she thinks she can do it or not. She does it anyway. Take a chance on yourself and your followers. Meet the challenge. Get the job done.

Rebecca Hazen,
Crossroads, Editor

Freshman advises others to get more involved

By Chris Boswell

Matt Guagliardo did not know much about college except for what was told to him by friends.

Guagliardo entered Mansfield in the fall of 2008 as an 18-year-old freshman with a mission besides getting a diploma. "I wanted to meet as many people as I could," Guagliardo said. "Experience, to me, is more important than a degree. I wanted experience in leadership, management and social skills because I believe that they get you ahead in life."

Some freshmen have difficulties adapting to college. Guagliardo wasted no time getting in the sway of things. He started making friends the first weekend he moved into his room.

"I have always been friendly in high school. If I did not know your name it was because you were hiding in a corner," Guagliardo said.

Guagliardo is now 19-years old. He's a business major who is involved in SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise), Mountie Guides, Intramurals and BOOM (Betterment Organization of Mansfield). He is working on his Silver Level of the Mountaineer Leadership program. Guagliardo also works directly for President Maravene Loeschke on her Environmental Task Force and Movie Theatre committees.

Students usually do not work with on-campus charity events until they are in their upperclassmen years. Guagliardo got involved early. "Helping people is a give and take relationship to me," Guagliardo said. "If I help others down the road, they might repay the favor. I do not mean to sound selfish, but what relationship is not like that?"

Guagliardo has become an active member of SIFE and was recognized as SIFE's Member of the Month. "Matt has pioneered our environmental programming for SIFE. His dedication has proven to be beneficial to us this year. I am confident he will hold the title of Vice President well next semester," Heather Coyle, SIFE Public Relations director, said.

"The projects we do benefit the community," Guagliardo said. "People should join SIFE so I can give them a helpful nudge. Through the organization, they can meet new people and get the



Matt Guagliardo says everyone should get more involved, not just with campus events but also in the community.

best of help from them in furthering their future."

Guagliardo has presented programs that help students deal with the credit world and recycling plastic bags. He is working on a project where SIFE will plant 50 chestnut trees in the business park in downtown Mansfield as a joint project with the American Chestnut Foundation (ACF).

"My grandfather gave me the idea. He is involved with the ACF," Guagliardo said. "We are ordering the trees from him."

Guagliardo also joined Mountie Guides which conducts public tours around campus for visitation days and private tours upon request. "I joined to promote Mansfield and help potential Mounties

figure out if this is the school for them."

Guagliardo wants to help others by trying to get things on campus changed. "It is easy to get things changed as long as people present their ideas and follow through with action," Guagliardo said.

"The changes I made when I came to Mansfield were not different when it comes the workload because I have always done a lot of work. Time management is nothing new for me," Guagliardo said. "If I had to say one thing to all the incoming freshmen, it would be that it is all what you make of it. Do everything you can do to find your passion on campus and hold onto it. That will motivate you to live in the present and work for the future."

Greenwalt opened the door for undergraduates at Mansfield

by Heather Coyle

"Leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determinism."

Alyssa Greenwalt has a drive which let her jump into criminal justice at full speed, taking every opportunity she could. When Roy Hazelwood, an FBI profiler, came to speak at Mansfield University Greenwalt jumped at the opportunity, thinking she'd meet one of her role models and get his autograph. The encounter led to something more.

Hazelwood was impressed by Greenwalt's knowledge of and curiosity about criminal profiling. He mistook her for a graduate student because of her interaction. He invited her to attend a three session Violent Crime Behavior program in Virginia. She had to fill out an application and get letters of recommendation to be accepted.

Her application revealed that Greenwalt was a sophomore. Hazelwood was hesitant to accept her.

Dr. William Thornsley is a Mansfield University criminal justice professor and a friend of Hazelwood. "Alyssa was a mature student. She got along well with other students and me. The concern with her being an undergraduate student, was that she would be thrown in with professionals who already had undergraduate degrees. Many had master's degrees and some had Ph.D.s and years of professional experience," Thornsley said. Because of Thornsley's confidence in Greenwalt's ability to complete the seminar, Hazelwood accepted her.

"It is an honor to have been selected," Greenwalt said. "To be the youngest in the nation makes it even more surreal. I received a personal invitation from one of the [legendary] FBI profilers, Roy Hazelwood."

Attending the seminar was expensive. Greenwalt had to take several steps to fund her trip. Her first year's tuition would cost her \$2500.

"I had to go through an in-depth process to receive funding for my first session. I was the first to attend this type of programming, and Committee on Finance was hesitant to lend a hand because this was new ground for them" Greenwalt said. "After I gave a presentation on the budget and what I expected to gain from the program, they were willing to take a chance. Furthermore I had to have a sponsor for the funding to go through. The Criminal Justice Club was willing to take a chance."

Greenwalt was able to fund the rest of the seminar by saving money. "Because I know so early that I will be going to the next session, I know what I need to save to attend. It's worth the money," Greenwalt said. The Violent Crime Behavior Program was offered to graduate students. Greenwalt has opened the door for undergraduates.

Thornsley hopes more undergraduates will take advantage of the program. "I have recommended it to two students for this summer. I always mention the opportunity in class, and I have approached students I know are interested in pursuing this field." Thornsley said.



Alyssa Greenwalt was the first undergraduate to attend the FBI's Violent Crime Behavior Program in Manassas, Va. "The experience changed my life by showing me [I] can do more than go to class during [my] college career." Greenwalt said.

Greenwalt has already planned her attendance for the final session. "I feel like I have created a new path for criminal justice students at Mansfield University," Greenwalt said.

Greenwalt thought the seminar was only lectures, but she was involved in several case analyses as well. It was the mix of lecture and life-like experiences that made this seminar different.

"The seminar was hands on. The days were planned according to the criminalists' specialties. We listened to lectures and worked on cases in groups," Greenwalt said.

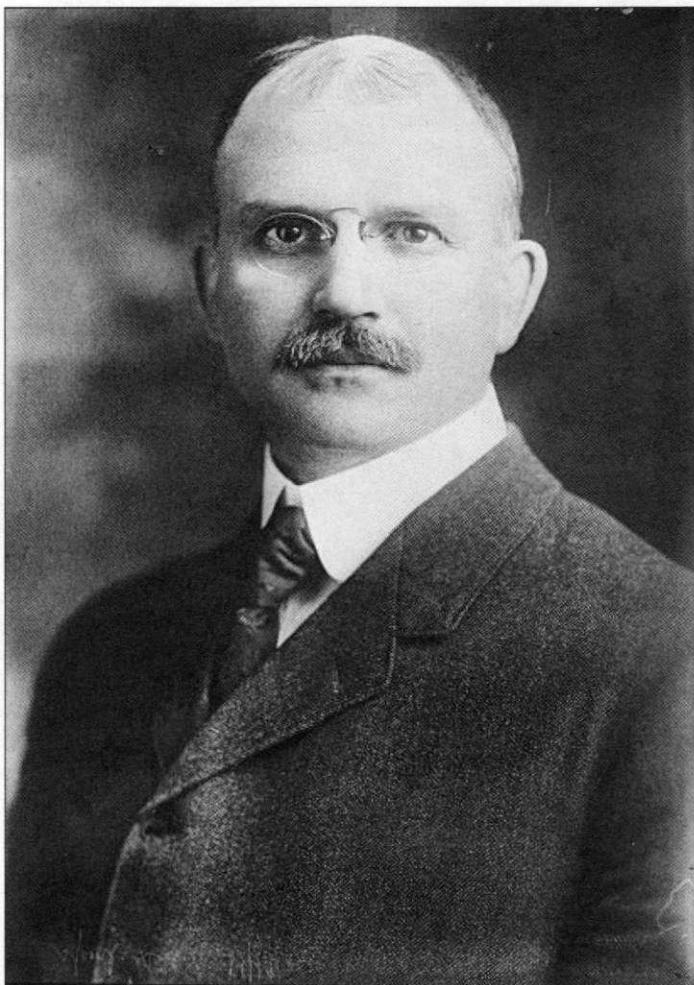
Greenwalt was pressured to do well at the seminar. "The fact is that if Alyssa had failed to function well in such a learning environment, then the assumption would have been that even highly recommended undergraduates were not appropriate. Alyssa did do well and her behavior made the staff at the Academy Group in Manassas, Virginia feel comfortable about letting other undergraduates attend," Thornsley said.

"Alyssa has the ability to 'name drop' when applying for jobs or graduate school," Thornsley said. He feels that this opportunity has given her an upper hand when entering the next step of her professional life.

Greenwalt will be graduating in May with the class of 2009. She hopes to attend graduate school at Penn State, to be a fellow FBI profiler with Roy Hazelwood.

George W. Woodruff was a leader before it was popular

by Andrew Taylor



Woodruff was the acting Secretary of Interior under Roosevelt.

Developing Tomorrow's Leaders is Mansfield University's latest motto. The university hopes to increase the number of leaders Mansfield produces with leadership programs and courses.

Tomorrow's leaders are a work in progress. They are growing, learning and fine-tuning their skills. In doing so, they may be inclined to look to the past to make a better future. That is what leaders do.

Glancing through the years will reveal that, despite a handful of mottos and brand names, Mansfield has always been a place for tomorrow's leaders. George W. Woodruff is an example of how far Mansfield's leaders can go.

Woodruff, a native of Susquehanna County, was born on February 22, 1864. He attended early education schools in both Nebraska and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Even though, at the age of 15, Woodruff had completed the schooling necessary to become a teacher in Pennsylvania, he did not jump into the working world. He attended another school for more preparatory coursework. He attended was the Pennsylvania Normal School in Mansfield.

Mansfield prepared him for a teaching career, but Woodruff decided to continue his schooling. He studied at Yale University

and the University of Pennsylvania.

Though he tested the waters as a teacher, Woodruff took his preparation more literally than most and went on to become a different kind of teacher: a coach.

Enthralled by football, which was still relatively new and much more raw and unpolished than it is today, it seemed natural that Woodruff would take it up as a career.

He coached his first game at the University of Pennsylvania in 1892, the same school from which he had earned a law degree. He posted a record of 15-1 in his first year as a head coach of the Quakers.

As the team improved, so did Woodruff. He coached ten more seasons at Penn, posting a combined record of 124 wins, 15 losses, and 2 ties, including two undefeated seasons. Woodruff coached again in 1905 for one season at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School (CIIS), the same school for which the legendary Jim Thorpe played and Glenn Scobey "Pop" Warner coached. Woodruff performed well and led the CIIS to a 10-4 record. His success on the football field led to him getting inducted into the Football Hall of Fame.

The time he spent at CIIS would mark the end of a career for Woodruff. He went on to public service, fulfilling a duty far greater than football ever had.

Teaching and coaching were both staples in a life of notable events, but the culmination of hard work for Woodruff was working as the acting Secretary of the Interior under President Theodore Roosevelt.

From Pop Warner... ...to Pop Culture

Woodruff's Connection



- The Carlisle Indian School at which Woodruff coached was home to another legendary coach. "Pop" Warner has a national football league for youths named after him.

- *The Real All Americans* by Sally Jenkins was written and explains, in great detail, how the Carlisle Indian School got involved in football and the struggles they faced in their first years as a team. The book is currently used in an American Sport's History class taught at Mansfield University.



- The "Skull & Bones" organization that Woodruff joined at Yale has been referenced in many movies, including recent motion pictures *The Skulls* and *The Good Shepherd*.



Tim Prothero isn't just visiting this state

by Nick Abel

Outstanding is a word used with little discretion. People throw inspiring adjectives around without grasping their meaning. Phrases like "best of the best" and "world-class" are attached to situations and people who haven't earned those sorts of descriptions.

How can a person know when those terms apply? When is their use warranted and appropriate?

It's all about the actions. A person's actions reveal who and what he is more than any test or evaluation ever could.

Such actions can be found in Tim Prothero, a senior political science major at Mansfield University. At 28 years-old, Prothero is not the typical student.

Most students begin college after high school, not years later. That difference in age didn't prevent Prothero from becoming an active member of the Mansfield University community.

Despite living in the Mansfield area for most of his life, Prothero admitted that he was against the idea of attending Mansfield at first. "When I was deciding where to go, I resisted the idea of coming here [to Mansfield]," he said. "That was part of the desire to leave the area, but I realized this was the best choice in the end."

Eight years is a long time to make up ones mind, especially considering how the job market and economy are changing. "I worked steady beforehand," Prothero said. "I wanted to put enough [money] away so I wouldn't be bogged-down later with bills. Plus I was able to get a taste of the working world."

Because of his major, Prothero joined the Political Science Club, where he eventually took on the role of vice president. This leadership position allowed him to put his ideas and efforts to good use.

"Aside from filling-in for the President, I also work with the club treasurer on financial issues," Prothero said. "We try working together to make the club more sound and stable."

In addition to working with other club cabinet members, Prothero is attempting to bring more equal responsibilities among the leaders by reworking their constitution.

"I would like to have the VP be more involved with recruitment and managing membership," he said. "Reaching new students early will be a big help."

His efforts caught the attention of club advisor Jonathan Rothermel. "I've been proud of the work of the Political Science Club," Rothermel said. "Tim is an outstanding academic student and upstanding member of the organization. His dedication to the club is a key element of its success."

Holding an officer position in a campus organization is only one part of the equation. An exceptional student goes beyond the call of his responsibilities.

Outside of his work during the club meetings, Prothero volunteers during each of the club's events, sometimes more than his position requires. During last semester's Congressional debate at Straughn Auditorium, Prothero helped construct questions and topics presented to the candidates. He also worked with debate moderator Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth to plan and manage the event.

As a senior, Prothero has begun to look ahead to the next step. He plans to graduate during the December 2009 Commencement, leaving only a few months to make some important decisions. In light of the increasingly-difficult economy, he has weighed options.

"At one point I considered law school,"

Prothero said, "but after I got more involved with political science I moved in a new direction. I'm leaning toward grad school, but with the tight financial situation, I'm not sure." Like most other students, Prothero is feeling the pressure from rising educational costs and dwindling federal funding.

Many students look back on their college experience with some unanswered questions and doubt, not doubt about what they learned but doubt about the choices they made. "I would have declared my major earlier," Prothero said. "If I'd had a clear direction sooner, I would have been better off. I would have also joined more organizations, been more active on campus."

Despite those regrets, Prothero claims he has enjoyed his time at the university. "Even though I had already lived here, it was still a good experience," he said. "I enjoyed it. I had plenty of opportunities and got a chance to work with some great faculty members."

What makes an outstanding student? Good test scores and a high grade-point-average? Being involved in organizations? Something more?

An exceptional student does more than expected. He takes a step above the rest.

Outstanding is more than a word. It's a state of mind. Tim Prothero lives in that state.

**The essence of leadership
is that you have to have
vision. You can't blow an
uncertain trumpet.**

Theodore M. Hesburgh

Mozart may put Mansfield on the map

by Andrew Taylor

"All I insist on, and nothing else, is that you should show the whole world that you are not afraid. Be silent; but when it is necessary, speak — and speak in such a way that people will remember it." - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The name comes with connotations. It is painted with strokes of genius from a pallet of brilliance. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart mastered his art in a way that few have done. It is with this same dedication, mastery and precision that another artist is honing his craft at Mansfield University.

Mozart Guerrier is a Mansfield University senior. He is a modern day Amadeus. He wears baggy pants, an orange polo and Nike tennis shoes with a concrete patterned sole that coordinates the outfit, including the pavement beneath them. Attention to detail is his thing.

Most would not notice him in a crowd or in passing. He is disguised as a student and plays the role well. When the work is done, however, the mask comes off. The transformation begins.

Guerrier, like Mozart, composes masterpieces. A tattered, Mead notebook is his staff paper and a black Bic his baton. It is on this wide-ruled, 70 sheet canvas that he has crafted stories so intricate that people find themselves rereading them to make sure they caught everything. They probably didn't.

The masterpiece has no melody, but rivals Shakespeare in terms of meaning. It is spoken word poetry.

There is a method to his madness. Guerrier is speaking to be noticed, to be heard and to be remembered. More than anything, he is speaking for change.

"Poetry is a catalyst for change," Guerrier said. "It is accessible to anyone of any background and can be extremely dangerous."

A native of northeast Philadelphia, Guerrier is never at a loss for subject matter. He is a product of the city but his environment is not the only influence on his work.

"I read a lot of books," Guerrier said. "I am constantly reading, learning of new ideas and concepts. Books, specifically poetry books, are what influence my writing more than anything else."

That he speaks directly and confidently is a testament to the leadership positions Guerrier holds and has held including founder of Men For Progress and former president of the Mansfield Activities Council.

Guerrier's talents cannot be categorized, though there are some political undertones.

"One of the greatest poets of all-time, Amiri Baraka, said that 'Everything is political,'" Guerrier said. "Everything around us is influenced by politics, from the way we talk to the way we dress. I am not a 'fight-for-your-rights' political poet. I look to my own experiences to make my poems more natural, but I draw from bigger ideas."

The writing is intricate and fine-tuned. His subject matter is almost bipolar. One of his most powerful poems is "Instructions to a Man Considering Abuse." It is a instructor's manual for spousal abuse. The imagery is vivid and Guerrier induces chills with the conclusion:

She is your sacrifice, you are her deity.

*Break her bones and let her body bend to your will.
You are man; you were made in God's image.
Act accordingly.*

Another poem Guerrier penned and performed for his fiancé, is "Meg." Again, Guerrier is relentless yet focused with his lyrical prowess;

*Hands entwined and heartbeat rhymed
Thump and thumping
Synchronized
while her soul plays elevator music
in heaven
Patient and docile through silence
she says,
I love you*

"I try to meet the reader halfway," Guerrier said. "They know what is right and what is wrong, I trust them to feel that way when reading without persuading them. I remain neutral and let [them] decide how [they] want to feel."

This new school composer is well-versed in the practice and the history of his craft. He does not just believe what he says, he knows it. He explained the process by which words became weapons in Burma. "Poetry is power. There are poets being killed as a form of censorship in certain countries," Guerrier said. "The government does not want what they are saying to catch on, so they get rid of them before the movement for change spreads."

Poetry is free speech in the rawest form, according to Guerrier. He believes the minds behind it will change lives, if not the world.

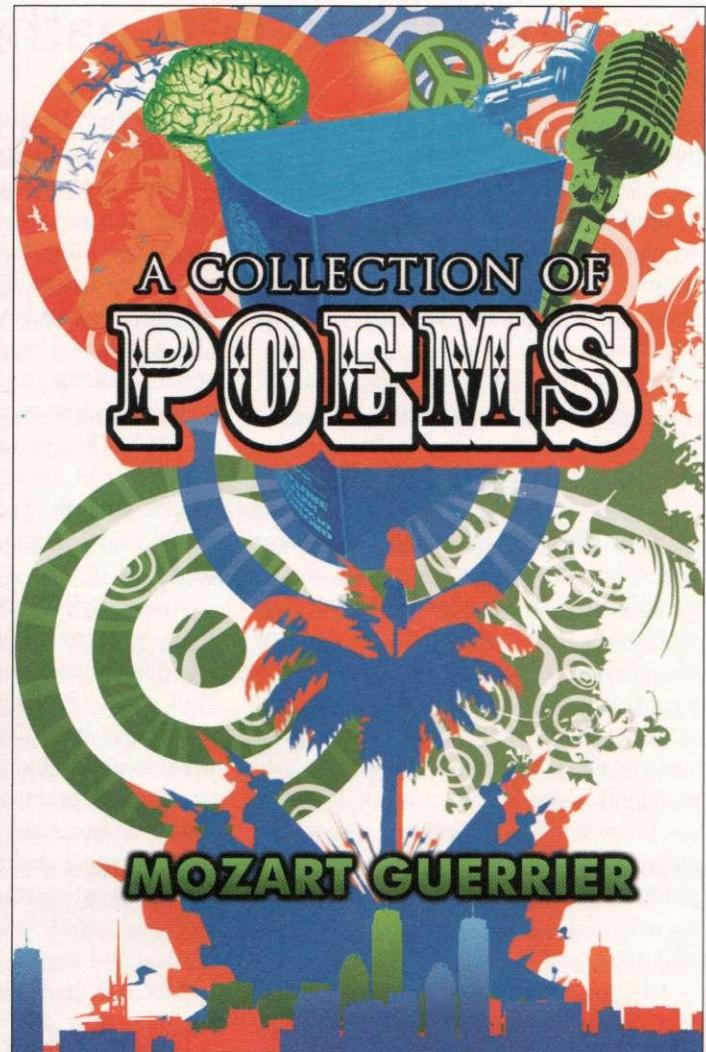
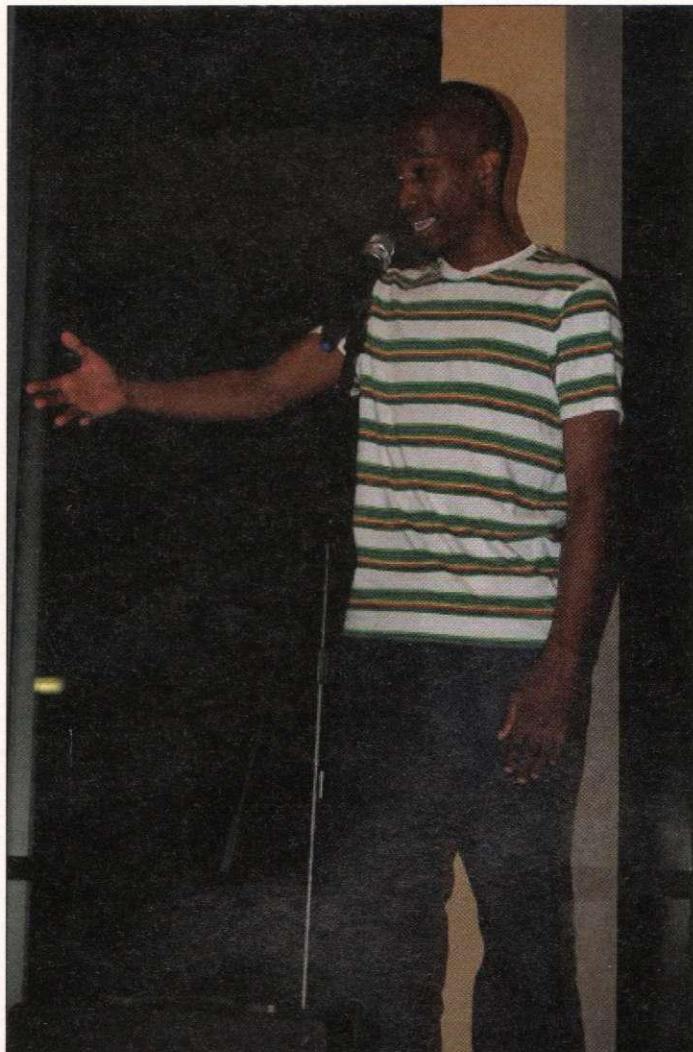
He has invited young, progressive poets to Mansfield and encouraged the student body to get involved in the art.

Men For Progress, the organization Guerrier started, hosts an open mic event on campus once a month, giving students a platform to express themselves. Often these events are hosted by a nationally known poet with whom students can share the stage. Among the poets brought to Mansfield by Guerrier are Beny Blaq, Bassey Ikpi, Gemineye, Marc Marcel, Big Mike, Rainmaker, Rachel McKibbens, and Aja Monet, all of whom have been on HBO's Def Poetry Jam.

Most recently, Guerrier has written and produced a self-titled chapbook of poems. Last summer, he appeared on Black Entertainment Television's (BET) sister channel, BETj in front of a national television audience and performed "Malcolm."

He is working on a new book and honing the performance aspect of his career.

Guerrier, like most who have found success in what they love, is taking his passion and turning it into something everyone can relate to and enjoy. Speaking with him, one might suspect he is too modest to acknowledge how inspiring his words may be. "I cherish the relationships I develop with people," Guerrier said. "Everyone is different. Everyone has a story. That's what makes us unique. That uniqueness is what inspires me to take a closer look and turn that story into art."



Mozart Guerrier won the BET online poetry writing contest.

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Searching for a new path? Keep it McCool!

by Nick Abel

Sometimes the path a student chooses is not the path she follows.

College students may plan a career or field only to change their major later. Some may even choose a new study that is drastically different from their original choice, forcing them start over from the beginning.

Others, like Suzanne Fretz McCool, find their niche in a new field.

McCool was born in Mt. Pocono, Pa, but lived most of her life in Paradise Valley. Because she spent so much time in that area, going away for college was one of her prime objectives. "I was accepted to both Penn State and Mansfield University," McCool said, "but once I saw Mansfield, I knew a small college was what I wanted."

The greatest factor in McCool's choice was one of her teachers. "I was influenced to attend Mansfield by Louise Johnson, my home economics teacher. I loved her class," McCool said. "She was a Mansfield graduate and said many nice things about the school. I went to see it and fell in love with the area."

Johnson's teachings also influenced McCool to begin her college career as a Home Economics major. However, she soon realized she had made a mistake and changed her major. "I switched to Elementary Ed because I wanted to teach

all subjects," McCool said. "Also, I liked little kids! It was a good fit for me."

After graduating from Mansfield in 1966, McCool was accepted into the Counselor Education Graduate Program at the University of Scranton. "I wanted to help children beyond the academics," McCool said, "and soon learned that home problems caused many children to be unhappy and underachieve."

McCool completed her Master's Degree in 1971 and soon after took her first counseling job. She counseled students for 28 years, retiring from the position in 2000.

Retirement didn't keep McCool from working in her field. After she left her counseling position, she joined Tri-County Helping Hands to work as a mobile therapist for children with behavioral problems. She also opened her own private practice for Educational and Career Counseling.

Her biggest challenge was yet to come.

"When a commissioner retired from our local board," McCool said, "I ran for the seat and won."

McCool found herself in an enviable position. She had the power to create policies instead of trying to change them as a counselor.

Today, McCool is the Monroe County Commissioner and the chair of the Board

of Commissioners.

McCool attributes her interest in government to her time at Mansfield. "I was in the Intercollegiate Conference on Government," she said. "I also became president of the Young Democrats and the International Relations Club. We students went to Harrisburg for mock political conventions. It was thrilling. I wrote a 10-page bill on Civil Rights, and eight of the pages passed!"

McCool acknowledged that she didn't picture herself in her current position but has taken well to the experience. "I never thought I would be doing the job I am doing today," McCool said. "It is my dream job. My fellow commissioners are terrific. We don't believe in 'problems' but choose to view things as challenges."

Looking back, McCool wouldn't change a thing about her Mansfield experience. She attended most sporting matches and theatrical productions. She stayed involved and active around the campus community. This kept her well-rounded and opened her eyes to many different perspectives.

"Mansfield offered opportunities and experiences I enjoy today," McCool said. "My advice is to keep learning all you can in life. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, try new things and share your gifts with others."



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Fannick shoots for success

by Shane Chapman

"Shoot ball." Those were the first words Tony Fannick said when starting to talk. Not mama, or da-da, a young Fannick only knew basketball and has been playing the game ever since. Taking his game from Milton high school to Mansfield University, Fannick has shown that hard work and determination can pay off.

Tony Fannick is a freshman at Mansfield University. A two sport athlete with a full ride to play basketball for the mountaineers. He is a Mass Communication major with a broadcasting emphasis. He grew up around sports, particularly basketball and baseball his entire life. With hard work, determination, and support from family, Fannick has accomplished great things both on and off the basketball court.

Most high school basketball players are happy with earning a first team all star selection in their league, maybe MVP. Most dream of scoring 1,000 points in their career and play at a community college or Division III. Fannick went above and beyond all of those accomplishments. In high school he was a four-time all state representative. he scored 2,234 career points in high school; he left Milton High school as the scoring leader. Not only was Fannick a four-time all state representative, he was the Pennsylvania player of the year during his Junior season. His recognition didn't end in Pennsylvania. He was recognized in a Sports Illustrated issue in the "Faces in the Crowd" section as well as a Sporting News All-American Honorable Mention.

Fannick was being recognized by Division I schools to come and play for them, but due to an injury his senior year it kept him from going. So where was a kid with this much ability going to go? Mansfield University wanted him as well as many other schools, but the communication department and basketball team drew him here. Fannick wants to be the best he possibly could be both on the court and in the classroom; Mansfield would give him the opportunity to do this.

When he got to Mansfield he wasn't sure how he was going to fit into the team. Mansfield has a strong core of guards as well as big men, and as a freshman, one doesn't know when or how much they will contribute. Fannick didn't have that problem. Ten games into the season Fannick became part of the teams starting five. He led the team in scoring five different times this season. He was a five time PSAC freshman of the week and named Rookie of year at season's end. Fannick also led the PSAC in free throw percentage at 87.8 percent. It only took him nine games to become a starter.

He didn't seem to have too much trouble fitting in, or help lead the team into playoffs for the first time in four years. Fannick gained the respect from his peers early on and was respected right from the start. Senior point guard and captain Chris Greene noticed right from the start. "Tony worked into the system very well. He's a smart basketball player who wants to win. He has a

desire to get better and is a real team player."

He accomplished as much off the court as he has on.. He was 9th of 200 in his high school and spoke at his graduation. When he got to Mansfield he had no problem transitioning. In his first semester he missed just one class and had a 3.68 GPA. He believes in doing the best he possibly he can academically. "I'm always trying to for an A+, trying to get every point possible on the assignments."

With everything Fannick has accomplished, he believes most in modesty. He does not like to talk about himself or what he has been able to accomplish. If he does, it doesn't come without giving the credit to his parents or his teammates. He credits everything basketball related growing up to his father, who taught him everything about the game, and was also his coach in high school. His mom was always there for support. He'll tell you he can't accomplish anything on the court without his teammates.

He is a communication major who will talk for hours. When his own accomplishments get brought up, he shies away and gives short answers, looking to talk about something else.

Fannick is someone that Mansfield will get to know a lot about in the next four years while he is here. If you get a chance to stop over to Mansfield during the basketball season come support the team and see how Fannick's hard work and determination has paid off.

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.

Rosalynn Carter

Undergraduate school was McCloskey's best 20 years

by Chris Boswell

Steve McCloskey has lived in a lot of great places but claims the greatest of them all is Mansfield.

"I've found out through trial and error that it's not the location or the weather that makes a place special. It's the people you work and live with that determine that and that's why this is a special place," McCloskey said.

McCloskey is involved in many facets of the Mansfield community, but his real passion is for his alma mater – Mansfield University.

"It took me a long time to earn my degree," McCloskey said, "but I don't know if I would change things. I had a great time as a student at Mansfield."

McCloskey began his journey at Mansfield in 1971. After leaving Mansfield three times for other opportunities, he finally graduated in 1991 with his certification in teaching social studies. "It was 20 of the best years of my life," McCloskey said.

Within a year of starting school at Mansfield, McCloskey left for Gainesville, Florida to take control of a bar with his brother. "I found working in a bar for 12 or more hours, seven days a week, was not as much fun as it is when you are on the other side of the bar drinking. I decided to try something else," McCloskey said.

After the bar scene, McCloskey returned to Mansfield and worked as a juvenile advocate. Believing he had found something he would enjoy the rest of his life, he headed back to Florida, this time to Sarasota.

He found his dream job when he was hired as the captain of the Sarasota County Park Patrol. He patrolled miles and miles of some of the best beaches in the country.

"In 1987 I used to kid around with my mom that she only visited my brothers and sisters who were married," McCloskey said. Rising to the challenge, Mrs. McCloskey made the journey to Sarasota to visit him. "In the three days she was down here, I only saw her for one because of my work," McCloskey said.

"When I went to help my mom on the plane to head back to Pennsylvania, she turned around and said 'You're not happy here' which surprised me because I was living in a cottage on an estate with its own private beach," McCloskey said. "She then said that she wished I would go back to school."

Two months later, McCloskey received a phone call from his sister-in-law telling him that Mrs. McCloskey had died in a car accident in Danville, Pa. "I traveled back up for the funeral, went back to Sarasota and put in my two weeks' notice," McCloskey said. "I was heading back to school."

McCloskey attempted to enroll in Bloomsburg University so he could be near his father. "They looked at my transcript and said it would be at least a year before they had an opening," McCloskey said.

McCloskey headed back to Mansfield when Bloomsburg said no. It would be a much longer commute but he would still be able to spend time with his grieving father. Even Mansfield had a hard time allowing him to re-enroll because of his GPA. They allowed McCloskey to come back as long as he would retake some courses to bring his GPA up.

McCloskey earned Dean's List that first semester back. Although he was 15 years older than most students he jumped right back into college life. "Since I was presented with another chance, I decided to make the best out of it," McCloskey said.

McCloskey became the sports editor and distribution manager of the Flashlight, the Student Government Association president and was a member of the O-Team. McCloskey was 35 years old at the time.

While doing the sports editing for the Flashlight, McCloskey got to know all the athletes on campus. Mansfield's Sports Information Director (SID) during McCloskey's third run was Jaime Butsko. Butsko had decided to move to Utah, leaving the position vacant.

"With Jaime moving away, I applied for



Steve McCloskey was delighted when the Mountaineer Sprint Football team hosted Cornell in the rain during their first season.

the job and got lucky," McCloskey said. "I was still an undergraduate so Mansfield kept me as a part-time Sports Information Director to ensure that I had a reason to finish my studies."

McCloskey managed to balance work, classes and student teaching during his first two years as SID and had a blast doing it.

The real reward came when he graduated in December of 1991 with his father by his side. "That was a great day. It's hard to describe just how amazing it was. My father was proud, and I have to admit I was proud of myself for persevering and earning my degree. That walk across the stage is still the second best in my life."

McCloskey's best walk came a year later when he walked down the aisle with his wife Pam. They had met at Mansfield when Pam was a Graduate Assistant working in Doane Center and McCloskey's office was next to the mail boxes in the building. "It's hard to believe that the best things in my life came out of the tragedy of the death of my mother. Because of her untimely death I have realized the greatest things in my life: earning my degree, meeting my wife, having our children and working in a job and place I love. I owe Mansfield and my mother a lot."

A significant part of the McCloskey Sports Information Department is the achievements of his student workers.

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McCloskey

Lucero uses her degree to connect to her community

by Whitney McKnight

Nina Lucero is a Mansfield University graduate that refused the mundane to create her own opportunity. Lucero graduated with her undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a Travel and Tourism emphasis in 2006, and her master's in Education in 2007. She used her education and a partnership with her parents to open a new and exciting business in Mansfield; Changos Cantina.

The idea for Changos came from the lack of interest in the space that her parents already owned. With no one interested in renting the space, they wanted a business that could compete with Wal-Mart. Opening a bar allowed Lucero and her parents to establish a relationship with the Mansfield community. With the concept in mind, what was left was the inspiration for the establishment. While shopping in Barnes and Nobel with her father one day, they came across a book of monkey portraits. "We wanted to use those portraits in the bar, but we weren't able to," Lucero said. "Changos means monkey in Spanish, and the book gave us the idea." With a business degree, but no entrepreneurial experience, Lucero and her parents learned firsthand what goes in to running a bar.

Although Lucero does not own the establishment, she keeps it running. As the manager she completes the schedule, keeps track of her employees, fills the orders and

bartends. The most favored of her managerial responsibilities is event hosting. "We have a lot of events here whether its birthday parties, or surprise parties. I like to make people happy, and this job gives me the opportunity to do so", Lucero said. Running a bar is not what she saw herself doing when she received her master's but the experience has been invaluable. "I wanted to be my own boss with the ability to pick my own hours. I couldn't sit behind a desk from 9-5. This job gives me flexibility, and the opportunity to meet new people every day", Lucero said.

Upon entering the cantina the atmosphere cannot help but stand-out. With the lights low, the wide variety of eclectic art and the leather furniture, there is a classy feeling. "It is an upscale atmosphere compared to other venues. We offer an artistic twist," said Liz a bartender at the cantina. Along with vivid colors, and a wide variety of music for any pallet, Changos offers a large selection of beverages and food that you cannot find anywhere else in Mansfield. The cantina is also non-smoking and stands as a wireless hotspot.

Meghan Chesney has been working at Changos for six months and is pleased about her work. "I like the social atmosphere", Chesney said. When asked for one word to describe Lucero, Chesney, a bartender at the cantina and a Mansfield University student replied, "driven". "She is a great manager. It's nice that I can go to her as a friend, a co-worker, and a

boss." Through conversation with Chesney other words such as "honest", "direct", "fair", and "considerate" were used continuously to describe Lucero. "She understands the college life and what it means to be a student and have a job", Chesney



Lucero works with her employees as a manager and a bartender.

said.

Opening a bar was not where Lucero saw herself after finishing school, but enjoys being an entrepreneur. When asked what she plans to do with the next stage of her life Lucero replied, "I would like to start another business, probably a bar, but somewhere warmer." Lucero attributes her success to her education at Mansfield as well as the connection it offered her with the town. "My education made me very well-rounded. I got to take lots of classes that prepared me for this job, but most important were my travel and tourism classes like accounting," Lucero said. Although Changos was not her original dream, Lucero allowed for a new opportunity. "A leader is someone who sets a good example and treats others like they want to be treated. True leaders always lead by example and are not afraid to take on new challenges," Lucero said.

Changos Cantina has put a new spin on an old town due to the imagination of one of its own. With its classy yet social atmosphere it is both innovative and welcoming. Born out of creativity and determination the little cantina on Main Street in Mansfield is stirring things up. When asked what piece of advice Lucero would give to the next generation, she replied, "Get a job that you love because you will spend the rest of your life working. Enjoying what you do is the key to success."

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Terra Chilson left the beaten path for her education

The story of an outstanding parent and student.

By Trisha Phillip

Terra L. Chilson is a 26 year old woman who is considered to many as an outstanding student and parent. Chilson has had hardships in her life, including her father dying, divorced her husband in 2007 and her best friend Megan died in a car accident. However, when two children came into her life at a time she had not planned for, they helped change her life and make her a better person.

Chilson is a senior at Mansfield University and she is attending for a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Chilson has received an Associate's degree for Psychology when she attended Corning Community College (CCC).

She stated that she loves her experiences at Mansfield and is sad that her time is almost over. "I have had so many memories at this college and I have enjoyed my time to the fullest. I would have to say my fondest memory would be the first day I stepped out of my car to begin my two years at Mansfield. The excitement I had that day I have never felt before, it was like a new beginning had just opened up for me. Everyone was so nice to me, students and faculty," Chilson said. Chilson also stated that MU is a wonderful college and she could not have picked a better college to finish her schooling.

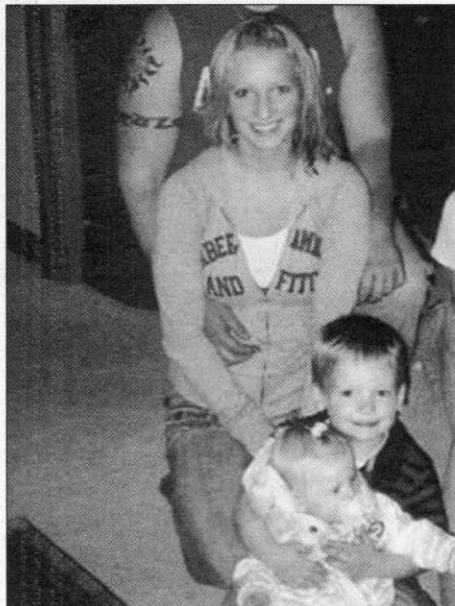
Chilson had her first child, Cody, the summer of 2006, she found out she was pregnant when she was getting ready to come to Mansfield. Chilson had finished CCC that spring and started her junior year in the fall of 06. "I do not live on campus, I am a commuter from Corning, New York but I choose this school because I knew it was the best so I did not care if I had to drive every day. It gave me a chance to go to a fairly cheap school and still be around my family," Chilson said.

Chilson had her second child, Kensie, the summer after she finished her junior

year. This should have been a happy time for her, but she was in the middle of a divorce with her husband of 5 years. Now she was beginning to understand that life has hardships, she was a single mother, taking care of two kids by herself, trying to keep a full time job at The Gaffer Restaurant on Market Street in Corning, and going to college. Chilson had to make a decision to either lose her job or drop out of school because she had no one that could help her. Her father passed away and her mother was nowhere to be found. Chilson made the decision as a mother, to pick her children over school. "I wanted to be the best mother I could be and I know that school is important but I wanted to wait till I could put all my time, heart, and soul into my work. My first year at MU was much easier because my ex-husband was around to take care of the kids." Chilson stated.

Chilson decided to drop out of school for a year. When Chilson went to sign up again, she found that MU was incredibly understanding and treated her with all respect. She said that many of the professors had children so they knew what hardship or decisions might come with a child. Chilson was upset that she had to push her school career back; she wanted to finish so she could get her life started. "I was happy with my decision to drop out and continue this past fall, I would rather finish my work on my time and when I am able to attend school, then when I am pressed for time to finish and not do well," Chilson said.

"[A leader is] someone who proves a path of success from overcoming a path of hardship. I may not be a leader to the world and some people might think that my life is no big deal, anyone can achieve what I did, but I am a leader to myself, my family, and someday to my children and



Terra Chilson waits tables at Gaffer in Corning, NY. to support herself and her children. She wants to use her psychology degree to get a job in a hospital.

that is what is important to me."

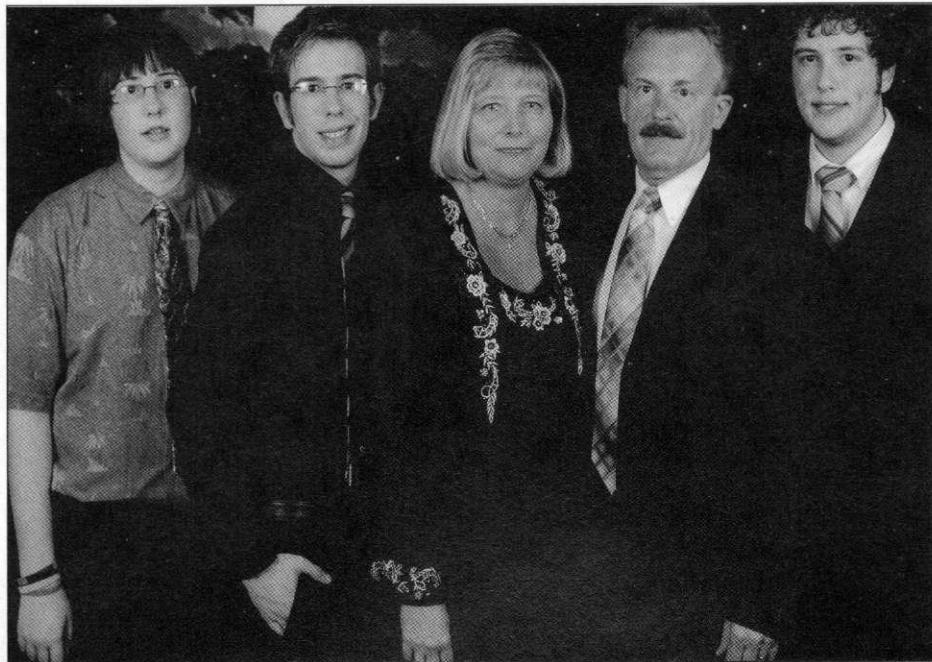
Chilson speaks so highly of Mansfield University, that she brought her sister Amanda from North Carolina to live and attend Mansfield University. Her sister will be attending in the fall of 09 for the Respiratory Therapy program. Chilson is an exceptional student who put her mind and hard work into going to college.

Chilson stated that if it was not for her father pushing her to go to school when he was alive, she does not know if she would have gone back. "My father would be so proud of me today; knowing that he is watching me keeps me working hard to do well. Life is about challenges so what would my life be about if I was not placed with a challenge or two." College is hard but if you put your mind and hard work into it, anyone can do it.

Darcy Sutton chose family over school:

The story of a proud mother

by Trisha Phillip



When Sutton is home, takes care of her husband David and her three sons: Jonathan, Robert and Mike. When she gets some free time she likes to watch "All My Children."

Darcy Sutton is living a life she is proud of with a husband and kids, a job, the perfect house to take care of her family and live out the rest of her life there. She did however not get here easy; Sutton had a point in her life when she had to make a difficult decision, children or school?

Sutton attended Mansfield University during the fall of 1987 through the summer of 1989. When attending MU she took classes to become a Social Worker and her favorite Professors consisted of Sociology professor, Dr. Gail Largey and Social Work, Anthropology, and Sociology professor, Dr. Dan Kasambira.

"Some of my fondest memories of MU were with those teachers. The discussions in Dr Largey's Sociology classes were always invigorating! I also had a Biology

class and lab that I particularly remember because Biology was never my 'thing' but for some reason in that class it all made sense," Sutton said.

Sutton was an adult returning student when she attended MU, she had already met her husband, so she lived off campus and was a commuter from New York. Gas was not as expensive as it is in today's day an age. In the late 1980s "gas was around \$1.39. I would never drive home on my breaks from classes so on my breaks my friends and I would usually hang out at the little spot on campus that was provided for commuting students," Sutton said.

As Sutton was getting used to being back in school, motherhood took its course, causing her to not graduate from Mansfield, "I did not graduate, I started

there in 1987 and had my first son, Robert in 1988 and was expecting again in 1989. Beware of the water in Mansfield! By then I only had an internship and a couple of classes left to graduate. With the babies, however, it was not feasible to continue."

Sutton lives in Painted Post, NY, where she has a husband David and three sons; Robert, Mike, and Jonathan. Robert attends SUNY Brockport, Mike attends Syracuse University and Jonathan is a freshman at West High School in Corning, New York. "I am proud of my boys. They are always trying to do well for themselves," Sutton said.

Sutton works as a Consumer Loan Manager at a Corning Credit Union branch. "I really enjoy my job. I interview loan applicants, underwrite loans and make certain that our consumer loan department runs smoothly," Sutton said.

Sutton feels that even though she did not finish her experience at MU and lost out on the college life, MU helped her in one way or another. "I may have not graduated from MU but I feel that that school helped me in some way be where I am today. MU helped my views be more board because of the experiences I had," Sutton said.

Sutton knows that school is important and dropping out was not the greatest idea but it was something she felt strongly enough about knew it was not a mistake. She may not be a leader to the world but Sutton is a leader to herself and her family. "My description of a leader is someone who is organized, listens well and can delegate. I would qualify myself as a leader because I am a hard worker and have been fortunate in my lifetime. Raising children has brought up some obstacles but thankfully nothing major. I could not be happier"

Russ Zullick saves lives for a living

By Rebecca Hazen

Russ Zullick is a man of many hats: retired Commander of the United States Coast Guard, helicopter pilot with the Maryland State Police, family man, and alumnus of Mansfield University.

Zullick credits his success to his childhood ambitions, his family, the people he met and experiences he had at Mansfield University.

While growing up, Zullick wanted to be a policeman or a Coast Guard pilot. His father served in the Coast Guard and the father of a friend had a career in law enforcement. Both men had an impact on his aspirations. They used their veterans' benefits to earn college degrees.

Zullick followed his father's footsteps by enlisting in the Coast Guard after high school. He was lacking the finances and he did not have the grades he needed for college. Serving in the military would help him gain maturity before he went to college.

He enlisted for four years in the Coast Guard. He was able to save money for college through the military college savings plan. He also developed a work ethic and matured. At the end of his four year enlistment, he was determined to go to college and major in criminal justice to complete his goal of working in law enforcement. He applied to colleges throughout the United States. In the end he chose to attend Mansfield University.

"Mansfield had the qualities I was seeking in a college. They offered the course of study which I wanted to pursue. The campus was small yet diverse. The classes were small and offered a lot of personal attention and interaction with instructors. The rural location allowed me to pursue my passion for the outdoors in my spare time," Zullick said.

The opportunities available to Zullick in Mansfield University's Army ROTC helped him become a Coast Guard helicopter pilot.

Zullick did not have enough money to put himself through four years of

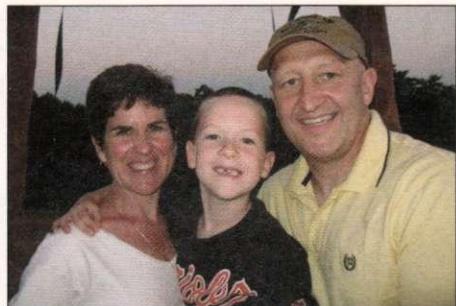
college, so he joined ROTC which offered financial assistance in paying for college. Zullick looked into it, applied for and won a three year scholarship.

During his training as a cadet, he learned of the Army's helicopter flight school opportunities. "I was fortunate to have a military professor, Major Dale Sanders, who was an Army aviator and well versed in the Army flight school application process," Zullick said. "He was instrumental in assisting me through the competitive selection process as well as assisting me through the administrative hurdle I faced once I arrived in flight school."

It was Zullick's plan to serve in the Army until his contract obligations for his college education and flight school were satisfied. Upon the end of his contract, he wanted to migrate to the Coast Guard. His plan worked. When the time came, he transferred his commission from the Army to the Coast Guard in October, 1990.

One of Zullick's favorite memories is Mansfield's campus. "I love the location; a campus set in the picturesque mountains where one can observe four distinctly changing seasons. I have traveled all over this country and parts of Europe and I have yet to see any place on earth which can rival the beauty of Mansfield wrapped in the colorful splendor of the fall foliage," Zullick said.

Some of his fondest memories are not of places or things, but the people who came into his life during that time. "I shared some special friendships, and I had some special people come into my life - all contributing to the person I have



Flying with the Maryland State Police allows Zullick to spend more time with his wife Deb Robison and son Russel H. Zullick IV

become," Zullick said. "I face my fondest memory of Mansfield every morning when I wake, my bride of over 20 years, Deb Robison." Robison is a Mansfield University graduate, Class of 1987.

Zullick is proud of his time in the Coast Guard. "I was fortunate to have served with some of the brightest and most professional men and women in the world. A fraternity of men and women committed to the core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty," Zullick said. "My career in the Coast Guard was rewarding. The efforts made by my shipmates and me had a positive and long lasting impact on the lives of many. I would not trade a minute of the time I served. I recommend the Coast Guard to anyone seeking a challenging yet rewarding career."

Zullick has saved the lives of more than 90 people. He modestly says he should not get all the credit. Zullick thinks God is the one who has the power to save people. He and his air crew were given an opportunity to intervene in the lives of these people who were in danger. "Not all of my rescue attempts ended on a happy note," Zullick said.

Spike Walker in "Coming back Alive" and Todd Lewan in "The Last Run," are among the authors who have documented some of Zullick's rescue missions. The movie, "The Guardian", showed the conditions Zullick flew through while serving in Alaska.

Zullick was awarded the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2002 by Mansfield University for his time in the Coast Guard. The award is given for outstanding professional performance and achievements to those who have graduated in the last 20 years.

"I was humbled yet proud to represent



Photo by Wes Flemming
Zullick spent some of his time in the Coast Guard on active duty in Kodiak, Alaska.

a career field most alumni don't associate with military service," Zullick said.

The source of his nomination was even more rewarding. Zullick learned that his nomination came from his former professor of military science at Mansfield University, Lieutenant Colonel Scott Henne. "[Henne] is one of the most exceptional leaders I have known. He had a major impact on my development as a junior Army officer. I consider myself blessed to have been mentored by him as an ROTC cadet," Zullick said.

Zullick earned the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandants Letter of Commendation and the Sikorsky Life Saving Award.

He has not won any formal recognition in his current position within the Maryland State Police (MSP) but getting to be with his family is enough. "The rewards of my current career come in the form of the amount of time I can spend with my family. My career with the MSP has allowed me to make up for time I lost with my wife and son when I was working 14+ hour days on active duty in the Coast Guard. The MSP Aviation Command is "family friendly" and does an outstanding job of working my work schedule around my family commitments," Zullick said.

Currently Zullick serves as a civilian helicopter pilot. He is not a state trooper, but he is always on duty with one. They serve in a dual role, law enforcement officer and flight paramedic. The MSP Aviation Command is a multi-mission agency focused on law enforcement, homeland security and the medical emergencies. The MSP is regarded throughout the world as the benchmark in emergency medical services.

Zullick has relied on and looked up to many leaders in his life, but he has also become one. His favorite definition of leadership comes from the book "Lincoln on Leadership" by Donald T. Phillips who quotes James MacGregor Burns "Leadership": "Leadership is leaders inducing followers to act for certain goals that represent the values and the motivations – the wants and needs, the aspirations and expectations – of both leaders and followers. The true genius of leadership lies in the manner in which leaders see and act on their own and

their followers' values and motivations." Zullick models his leadership style on Burns' definition.

"As you can see, ones ability to lead is largely influence by ones values. As a leader you will be tested. How you react will reflect your value system," Zullick said. "One needs to establish [his] own value system based on [his] core values – those values which [he] will never compromise. Your core values define your very being: those values which hold you

accountable for your thoughts, words, and deeds, values for which you would be willing to lay down your life."

"A leader is a dealer in hope."

Napoleon Bonaparte



Photo by Bill Green

Zullick has assisted at traffic emergencies during his time with the Maryland State Police.

Ron Remy has served and taught his whole life

By Rebecca Hazen

Ron Remy spends one day as a Civil War soldier back in the 1860's. The next day you'll find him teaching children about American history. Another day he is volunteering to help the community of Mansfield. Where does he find the time? He enjoys every moment. It is his passion to give, help and teach.

Remy grew up in California, Pennsylvania. He attended high school there, and went to California University of Pennsylvania. He taught at the local high school for eight years after graduating. He was content where he was and not planning on leaving until the president of California University, a family friend, mentioned that Mansfield University was in need of a teacher.

Remy arrived at Mansfield University to start a new teaching career on August 17, 1965. He says he remembers the date because he was brewing with excitement. "I was sad and scared to leave because I spent all of my life in the area, and here I am moving over 200 miles away from my friends and family," Remy said.

Remy was a teacher at Mansfield University for 40 years. He taught audio visual instruction, photography, a graduate course in living history and social studies.

He enjoyed teaching at Mansfield University because of the rural location. Remy enjoys skiing, hunting, fishing and hiking. Remy founded the ski club at the university. He also enjoyed time with his students. "It was nice seeing the kids in class on weekdays, then going on ski trips with them on the weekends," Remy said. Remy keeps in touch with some of his students to this day by receiving Christmas cards and visits.

Remy retired in 1998 after 40 years of teaching. He does not regret a moment of those years, and during that time he has made Mansfield a home for himself and his family. "I was burning out, and I had thought that 40 years was plenty time, and a nice round number," Remy said. "I wanted to devote my time to my interests and other activities. I thought I had done the best I could for the young people."

Teaching at the university was not

the only thing he did for the community and students. He was actively involved with the Mansfield Fire Company, and the Ambulance Association. He was the president of both organizations. He was also the Mayor of Mansfield for 12 years. "Being mayor was a lot of work. One of the things I worked for was the association of the town and college as one; to become friends and work together," Remy said.

Remy along with other people in Mansfield were responsible for starting the Fabulous 1890's weekend celebration that occurs every year in September. The 1890's celebration is a tribute to Mansfield hosting the first ever football game under electric lights in 1892.

Remy is involved in the Fabulous 1890s weekend. He was the chairman of the parade and of the living history section. "It is a great group of people to work with. It's a great celebration to get the community and college together to learn about Mansfield's history," Remy said.

Remy enjoys re-enacting because of the hard work and research that goes into making it accurate. "You share your knowledge with the public whether it is during a parade, a living history set up or encampments. It's just like teaching," Remy said.

Between his reenactments, Remy teaches children in Mansfield's schools about American history. "They are my two loves, American history and teaching and wanting to share the interest with the young people," Remy said.

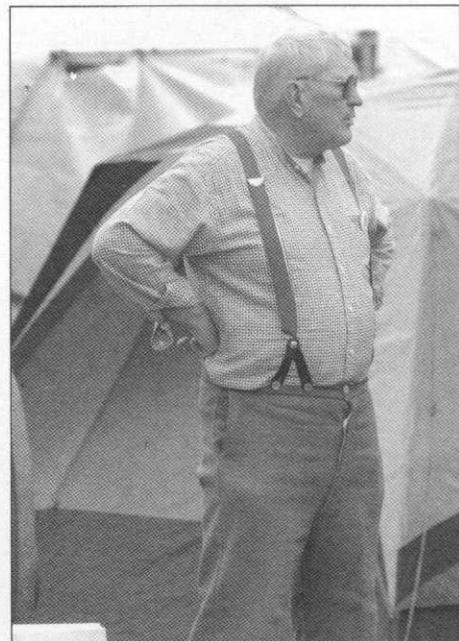
Remy regularly does programs for children across the region. His programs are intended for children to be able to step back in time and learn about history face to face, instead of in a text book.

Just recently, Remy put on a program in the Mansfield First National Citizen's Bank for Abraham Lincoln's 200 birthday. Classes from Mansfield's elementary schools came in and got a hands on look on how things were done in the 1860's. Workers at the bank and volunteers dressed up in period clothing, and had presentations set up.

"I've had parents and citizens of the community thanking me for organizing

the Abraham Lincoln program. Someone even sent me a card. It was great to see the reactions of the people," Remy said. "This is a special thing we do for the kids, because they become witnesses of history."

He has also gone to the Mansfield junior-senior high school to talk about Medieval times. He brought in an archer's



Remy spends his time teaching students and the community about history. Remy (pictured above) is dressed as a 1890's civilian.

hat, a bow and arrow and a princess's dress for the students to see. "There is an enjoyment of giving them more than just a worded explanation," Remy said.

Remy also has given tours to the community about the two Underground Railroad houses that are in Mansfield and the Civil War soldiers that are buried in the local cemetery.

Remy believes that leadership is sharing. "Leadership means taking people on a journey and sharing your interests with them. It is sharing knowledge and sharing your life with someone," Remy said. "I have an interest in service to the community and service to other people. Teaching is service."

Stocum returned from Iraq to face a new struggle

by Nicole Hagan

As Kandice Stocum opened her baby shower gifts, pastel pink and purple tissue paper rocketed across the dormitory lounge and dive-bombed the trashcan. Bottle carriers, pink camouflage bibs reading "Major Cutie" and Care Bear diaper bags, big enough to carry any amount of pacifiers, were among the "Mommy ammo" that she received one Saturday afternoon.

Stocum, a 35 year old junior, social work major, is seven and a half months pregnant with a baby girl. She plans to name her baby Brie, if Stocum can make it through the caesarian section without any complications.

While her guests munched rations and battled to win baby shower games, one fact about Stocum's pregnancy remained under the radar.

Stocum is an army veteran. She suffers from a traumatic brain injury. The birth of her child seemed impossible.

"I was never supposed to be able to become pregnant," Stocum said. "I miscarried in 2003 and the doctors said that my body wasn't capable of handling birth. They didn't know why I miscarried, but I know I had a lot of things going against me. I have an RH negative blood type and a brain stem injury and all of those things were supposed to prevent me from ever having a child."

Against all odds, Stocum is pregnant. "She's a miracle baby," Stocum said.

Stocum joined the army right out of high school at the age of 19. She served for 17 years and retired in September of 2007 due to the same medical reasons that complicate her pregnancy. Stocum has a malformation of the brain stem known as an Arnold-Chiari malformation. According to Office of Rare Diseases of the National Institute of Health, it's an

uncommon injury that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the US population.

"The first neurologist I went to didn't know anything about it," Stocum said. "It wasn't until I went to the VA Medical Center in Buffalo that they were able to diagnose me and start me on treatment."

Stocum was born in Arizona. She joined the military because she wanted to make a difference and demonstrate that there is more to life than being a stay-at-home mom.

"I wanted to prove to my family that I could make a difference and not be bare foot and pregnant my whole life," Stocum said. "That's the general lifestyle women in my family have adopted and I didn't want to be like that."

Stocum wasn't aware of her brain stem injury until she returned home from Iraq in July, 2006, and sought a doctor concerning the severe headaches she began to suffer from. Doctors claimed that the traumatic brain injury she suffered in Iraq aggravated her condition, but that the malformation was present for some time before the symptoms materialized.

"They believed that my brain stem was aggravated from all the explosions," Stocum said. "The vibrations and the noise supposedly magnified the problem, but I had the injury before I entered the service."

Stocum currently takes medication that helps relieve the pressure on her brain stem – a problem that, if left untreated, could cause her to go into a seizure. While little is known about this disorder, her doctors tell her that it could lead to severe neurological problems if left untreated.

"When I found out about my injury, I was relieved to know what was wrong with me, but I'm still learning about it and coping with it every day," Stocum said.

According to the National Organization for Rare Disorders Arnold-Chiari malformation is a malformation of the brain that is sometimes, but not always, apparent at birth. It is characterized by abnormalities in the area where the brain and spinal cord meet that cause part of the cerebellum to protrude through the bottom of the skull (foramen magnum) into the spinal canal. This interferes with the flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain, leading to an accumulation of cerebral spinal fluid in the empty spaces of the spine and brain.



Kandice Stocum received Care Bear packages for her little soldier Brie.

"Unfortunately, I may need surgery to correct it, and there are some complications that could result from having the corrective surgery."

Stocum's pregnancy further complicates the situation. She is not allowed to take her seizure medication for the duration of the pregnancy but must begin taking it immediately after Brie is born. Additionally, because of the brain stem injury, Stocum cannot have a natural child birth and must resort to a c-section.

"If I have her naturally, I could have a stroke," Stocum said. "Natural birth would put too much pressure on my body. I can't have an epidural because it would affect my spine."

Despite the difficulties that have come from the experience, Stocum claimed the military had a positive effect.

"I don't regret my military service," Stocum said. "In fact, I want everyone to

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Veteran

Hutcherson practices leadership everyday

by Nancy Edwards

"The bravest thing I've ever done is to be myself."

Being yourself is a difficult endeavor. Peer pressure often takes a toll on college students, leaving them unsure of themselves. But not Krista, she knows exactly who she is and what she wants out of life. She refuses to put on a mask just to appeal to others.

"Who I am, is who I am."

Krista Hutcherson is a 20-year-old woman with an inspiring personality. A three-hour conversation with her only scratched the surface of her character. She writes poetry, loves to play basketball and goes by the nickname of Hutch. Her musical choices range from Eminem to Stevie Wonder and classical jazz. She doesn't conform to stereotypical gender roles and wishes that people could act whichever they wanted without being judged. When asked to describe herself, Krista simply answered: "Who I am, is who I am." What at first sounded like a quote from a Dr. Suess book quickly made sense as Krista spoke and unraveled the story of her life.

Krista captures her audience when she speaks and she tends to speak with her hands. She isn't afraid of eye contact. She prefers it. Her genuine personality radiates while she talks of school, her family, her boyfriend and her life goals. They all have helped form her into the woman she is today.

Krista is majoring in Spanish and philosophy at Mansfield University. She is passionate about both areas and tries to apply them to her daily life. She hopes to pursue a career in medical interpretation where she will provide language translation services to health care patients. "I've known for a long time that I wanted to have a job where I could speak Spanish and help as many people as I can," Hutcherson said. "Medical interpretation will help me achieve both and I know I will excel in that profession."

"A person's a person no matter how small." - Horton Hears a Who

"Where I grew up helped me develop a love for the Spanish language," Hutcherson said. Being raised in Lakewood, NJ helped Krista adapt to different dialects of

Spanish. It also helped her become more aware. "High school taught me about life because it was a mini world in itself; it was very cultured and diverse. The school was mixed with ethnicities and cliques based on those ethnicities."

Krista learned to never judge a book by its cover from being in this environment. She believes her love for philosophy has stemmed from her days in high school where she learned to accept everyone for who they are. "I grew up in a household of mixed ethnicities and was taught to expect discrimination for being a black American and a woman." Krista has never viewed either as a downfall, she values the person she has become and has no regrets in how she has lived her life so far. "The only thing that matters is if I'm happy with my decisions in the end."

Krista is President of El Club de Espanol, the Spanish Club on campus. Since she was fluent in Spanish, she was eager to join the Spanish club her freshman year. The club wasn't as involved when she first joined. However, since her turn as president of the organization, she has helped the club grow from four members to over 20. Since then, El Club de Espanol has put on many events such as La Fiesta, a clothing drive, and a trip to New York City museums. She hopes to help the club expand while she is president by implementing more events and making the organization more known on campus.

Dr. Flor Blanco, supervisor of the Spanish club easily described Krista. "Krista in one word: determined."

"The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - I Can Read With My Eyes Shut

Krista is a strong-minded person, she refuses to let set backs hinder her success. "I tend to view obstacles as rungs of a ladder; I pull and push myself to climb to the next step. People have the tendency to look at unsuccessful attempts as obstacles but I see them as stepping stones," Hutcherson said.

Krista believes this level of determination has been instilled in her from a lifetime of being involved in sports. Krista is a natural athlete who enjoys competing with others as well as her self.



Hutcherson has played basketball for more than nine years.

"I motivate myself to do well, whether it is school or athletics. I've learned to push myself."

Krista has played basketball for nine years and was captain of her high school team for four of them. She uses her competitive edge while she plays on a co-ed intramural basketball team at Mansfield. Krista isn't intimidated to play with the guys and has never seen why it should be an issue. "They treat me like part of the team, once they realized I could keep up, gender was never an issue."

Step with care and great tact and remember that life's a great balancing act. - Oh, The Places You'll Go

Balancing school, relationships, work and extracurricular activities have given her the chance to prove that she can do it all and not become overwhelmed. "No one is going to be responsible for you but yourself," Hutcherson said. "Responsibility, control and time management is how I manage to balance everything."

Learning to balance responsibility is a skill Krista learned from her parents, as

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they practiced this for years while raising children. Krista is one of 14 siblings, and keeps busy being a role model to her younger siblings. "It's like a big party whenever family is around. It's crowded but fun." When asked what advice she'd like to give her to siblings, she responded with: "If I had to give them advice I'd tell them don't worry about failure, worry about the chances you missed when you didn't even try."

Krista is a modest but natural leader. She demonstrates qualities of leadership in school, basketball, clubs and with her family. "Sometimes you have to be selfish for your future, I do what I want because life is too short. Giving up on myself would be the biggest danger I'd ever face," Krista said.

“Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.”

Peter F. Drucker

Saxton has found her place in the world of music

by Kristina Apfl

Judith Saxton considers herself busy, driven, passionate, personable and most of all a leader.

Saxton does not have time for a social life because she travels too much. "I have a wonderful home in Winston Salem, North Carolina. It is the only house I have ever owned," Saxton said. "I consider it an 'an outside state of myself."

She has moved every three years into different houses because of better job opportunities. Currently she is Artist/Faculty of Trumpet and brass coordinator at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. "The school I teach at is a small intensive conservatory for five schools. We have residential high school programs at this school along with college students that are all here to pursue in music," Saxton said. "This school has a lot of excellence. We are here for people who want to perform. No education degrees. Just here to be a performer."

At Mansfield University she was involved in activities that helped her achieve her Bachelors in music. She was an orchestral and solo musician in college. She was part of wind ensemble and symphonic band, among other things. "I was an active student in college, always playing my trumpet. I love my trumpet," Saxton said.

When Saxton came to college she had no idea what she wanted to major in. Her choices were between Gym, music, English. She picked music because she thought it was what she was best at. "There would always be one person who was better in the other things so I've always been musical.. My mother taught me music and



Judith Saxton has been teaching trumpet since her college years.

she always said I was very musically talented," Saxton said. "All I knew was I wanted to play trumpet..."

When she was in college she taught trumpet to junior and senior high school students. She wanted to share her passion of trumpet with younger people.

Saxton got her musical talent from her family. "My family is very musical. My mom was a huge influence on me. She sings and plays the piano."

"You follow something that intrigues you, that you want to get better at. You have a voice that can never be expressed in any other way especially with music. You sort of choose a direction and it becomes your life," Saxton said. "You must have complete dedication and persistence."

Saxton achieved her dreams by becoming a trumpet teacher and excelling in many achievements in her life time. "I was nominated through music for an alumni honor and nominated because I had many national accomplishments". Saxton

won an award for outstanding senior in field of music at her graduation. She was a "straight A and considered a "fine music student" by her teachers. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is a charter and board member of the International Women's Brass Conference, on the Board of Directors of the International Trumpet Guild, and is an Advisory board member and Artist/Faculty for the National Trumpet Competition.

"When I got offered jobs after college and even now, that is a big accomplishment because it means I was chosen out of many outstanding musicians to be part of a business," Saxton said. Her performing career includes performances in the Soviet Union, South America, Europe and Japan and three years as principal and soloist with the Hong Kong Philharmonic.

Saxton was Artist/Faculty at Lieksa Brass Week in Finland in 2008. She had the opportunity to perform at conferences (international trumpet guild and other international women's conferences.) She was part of the board for both of those and for the National Trumpet Company. She has the opportunity to be part of a CD called: *Trombamundi*, a trumpet ensemble that was formed in 2008. Saxton was also a collaborative musician in other bands that put CDs out for the Moravian CD Foundation.

Saxton fought to find her place in the musical world. She battled asthma when she was performing in Hong Kong. She said her biggest struggle, was coming out of a smaller school and going forward. "I have had struggles with just

being a woman in this profession. People do not look at women as great leaders in the brass section of a band. But I was a leader and it was hard for people to accept me." Saxton was struggling financially while trying to find time to practice. "For me, what got me through all of these struggles was the support I got from fellow musicians, friends, family, and strangers," Saxton said.

When Saxton looks back on how far she has gone in her life she looks at the people who have been role models for her. "Mike Galloway was my role model. He is a trumpet teacher at Mansfield University and he made me believe that anything was possible," Saxton said. "I trusted him. That made my confidence seem real and grounded my self esteem. When you have that spark from someone it helps you get into what you want to do."

Another big influence of Saxton was the principal trumpet of Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Adolph Herseth. "He was my role model in terms of trumpet sound, which fuels how I teach and my concept of musicianship," Saxton said. Saxton got the opportunity to work beside him in the training orchestra for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for five years.

When it comes to being a leader, Saxton has shown that role. "I'm a leader because I articulate things clearly and passionately. You often don't find me in the backrow," Saxton said. "Young women need to find a mentor for the brass section and I am just that person for that job."

Second generation Mountie continues family tradition

by Jon Dinan

Mansfield University is a small school with a tightly grouped campus layout. Faces are familiar here. Bonds are kept strong by the closeness that is created by a small student body. The secluded set up isn't for everyone but many come to cherish their college experience at Mansfield.

Mansfield has impacted the lives of many in a positive way. One way in which pride in one's Alma Mater can be shown is by sending a son or daughter there. Mansfield alumna, Toni Hummel sent her son Mike after he graduated from Nazareth High School in June, 2008.

Hummel admits his mom had an influence on his decision to come to Mansfield, but ultimately the decision was his. "I knew that there was a more personal feel here, the student teacher ratio favors a student like me, and I really liked the campus," Hummel said.

Hummel is an accomplished swimmer. He was discovered at his local public pool by the captain of Nazareth High's girls swim team. Specializing in butterfly and freestyle, he went on to place second at his district championship meet his sophomore year and was later named captain of Nazareth High School's varsity squad. He has not decided whether he wants to continue his swimming career at Mansfield, but he hasn't ruled out the possibility.

Hummel also enjoys playing football. He played all four years of high school and he hopes to become a member of Mansfield's sprint football team next semester. "I love contact sports, not just football, I also like wrestling, rugby, and skateboarding."

Not only has Hummel decided to continue a family tradition at Mansfield, but he has also majoring in communication and

specializing in broadcast journalism, just as his mom did. He also plans on joining MU's student operated radio station, 89.5, WNTE the Giant, again following in his mother's footsteps.

Hummel asserted that this was a coincidence, even though his mom is a former radio station member. It was actually a friend that got him into a/v production and broadcast journalism.

In high school one of Mike's friends would video tape his swim meets, so that by the end of the season they could make a highlight video of his performances.

A year later his school built an a/v production lab, and Mike seized the opportunity to learn more about production and mass media. "I figured I might as well take advantage of the thousands of dollars my school had invested in the newsroom and learn something useful for college," Mike said.

Mike is eager to prove to himself, his family and the rest of the Mansfield community that he is a creative, talented, and well-rounded student. He has a positive attitude that was most likely instilled by a proud student of over twenty years ago. Inspired by his friends and family, Mike Hummel is a second generation student with a tremendous amount of drive and ambition to succeed at Mansfield and enjoy his college experience as his mother did.

"I wouldn't trade my years at Mansfield for anything in the world, and I know Mike will feel the same way after he graduates," Toni Hummel said.

Mike does not intend to take his college stay for granted. "I have wanted to go to college my entire life. Now that I'm here I'm going to make the best of it." Mike said. "Hard work and determination make anything possible."

Even student leaders sweat

by Dan Mason

Students receive the bad news of assignments in individual ways: rolling their eyes; laughing nervously; wrinkling their brows; looking for excuses not to do the assignment; thinking about ways to make the assignment easy or fun or at least not as awful as it first appears; mulling over available knowledge, ability and time; exchanging glances with classmates about how to survive this maniac professor who expects results; gasping for air to inflate lungs that ventilate brains that move fingers on keyboards or manipulate pens or pencils over paper; trying to find the right words to say the right things to write the right response that will earn a satisfactory grade because the professor has the power of life and death over students who are paying money to get an education so they won't have to flip burgers, dig ditches or do something equally unappealing for the rest of their lives; all to a muffled chorus of, "Awww." and "Geeze." and the opening of backpacks, the clicking of pens and the musical bonging of computers turning on.

Time is neutral and does not change things. With courage and initiative, leaders change things.

Jesse Jackson

Laurie Bowen Frey encounters passion, faith and theatre on a daily basis

by Nancy Edwards

Laurie Bowen Frey is a firm believer in passion, faith and theatre. She encounters them on a daily basis. They have helped her through difficult phases in life and continue to motivate her each day.

Frey has many titles: college graduate, mother, survivor, author, and playwright. With her goals, it seems likely this list will grow.

Frey graduated from Mansfield University in 1984 with a degree in theatre and a dream to become a director. She has been pursuing her dream since she was introduced to theatre and has let nothing, not even a battle with cancer, slow her down.

Passion

Having passion for something is a great motivator. For Frey this has been the case. She is a tour general manager for David Copperfield and the Blue Man Group Megastar tour. She also owns her own production company, Journey Projects.

Frey's love for theatre started at Mansfield University in an Introduction to Theatre course. Frey credits Professor Tillinghast with introducing her to a professional life of theatre. "I fell in love with it," Frey said.

Frey started out at Mansfield as a social work major but learned that it didn't ignite the passion in her heart like theatre. "Some of the theatre students warned me that my parents would be upset when I told them I switched my major from social work to theatre, but my parents were really supportive and always have been."

After graduating from Mansfield, Frey took her love for theatre and headed to Texas where she received her master's degree in theatre from Southwest Texas State University.

Frey has followed her theatre career from Pennsylvania to New York and now resides in Ohio. "I transition well. It is easy for me to pick up and settle somewhere else." This mindset is beneficial in the theatre world, but also helpful when you're diagnosed with an illness. It was then that faith and theatre helped Frey transition through difficult times.

Faith

Frey was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer in 2002. The previous year she had been advised to have a lump checked out but forgot because of her busy life. A year later, her life was turned upside down with the diagnosis. Frey took a different approach to her cancer. In true leadership style she started a new project while receiving treatment.

Frey started working on a musical during her radiation treatment. "Radiation was the hardest part for me," Frey said. "Some say chemo is worse, but I found it the opposite." Frey used her inner strength and determination to create the show. "Working on the musical energized me and gave me hope." As a result of Frey's newfound energy, the musical "Unbeatable" was born in 2003.

"Unbeatable" is based on Frey's experiences. The musical focuses on a character named Tracy Boyd and explores her life and relational struggles through breast cancer. "The musical deals with specific parts of the journey, such as cancer and relationships. A musical allows humor to pop in ways that only live theatre can accomplish," Frey said.

After Frey received positive feedback from the musical, she wanted to publicize her story and other things she encountered during that period. She did that when she wrote "Unbeatable [The Whole Story]" based on her personal journal notes.

"I wrote the book to expand on the musical. The book is about my experiences, thoughts and feelings. It includes the spiritual side too." Writing a book about a personal experience can be difficult, but Frey believed it would help others in similar situations. Not only was Frey dealing with cancer, she had other commitments at home. Her brother was off at war, her father suffered a heart attack, her son was diagnosed with a mild form of autism and she and her husband were in the stages of building a house. "Those things added to the spiritual depth I experienced, and were important to share," Frey said.



Besides theatre, Frey also enjoys traveling to visit the friends she's made over the years.

"The book includes direct comments from family and friends giving it a unique perspective. Too many times we only view our own opinion, and out of context that view is often skewed."

Frey's use of faith had an impact on her life during that time. Both passion and faith have helped her get through the difficult moments. Her love for theatre has also accompanied her throughout life.

Theatre

Frey's passion is also her hobby. She noted that people who are passionate about something adapt that as their hobby. "My passion is live theatre and administration."

After graduating from Mansfield, Frey held jobs in theatre and a resort community. "Each [job] allowed me the

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opportunity to see where my strengths were. By the time I was 26 I was certain my passion was theatre administration," Frey said. "I met the right people and was good at what I did."

One of Frey's goals is to teach theatre at the college level. She likes the idea of mentoring others and helping them develop the passion for theatre that fills her. "The college mind is invigorating," Frey said. "College students are healthy and enthusiastic."

Frey also wants to travel and speak to groups of people around the country about her experiences. "Whether it's to cancer advocacy groups, the medical community

or theatre community, I love to share my experiences so it can help others."

Frey cherishes her time at Mansfield. She has fond memories about directing her first show, the basketball championship in 1984, and running on the baseball field at night. Frey believes that Mansfield and her introductory theatre class gave her the boost to experience theatre. She has created her own musical, owns a production company and works with two large entertainment groups. It is people like Frey who serve as role models for students at Mansfield, letting them know they too can achieve great things once they find their passion.

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"Student workers here get more hands-on work than at any other school," McCloskey said. "The students here are held to professional standards to prepare them for the real world."

"The rewarding aspect of the job is that I have had more than 20 students who have worked for me go on to work in the profession," McCloskey said. "The NFL, ESPN, Division I schools and basically every major venue of athletics I have had a student touch on it. I could not do what I do without the students."

McCloskey lives in Mansfield with his wife, Pam, daughter Katey Grace and son Zach.

McCloskey's position at Mansfield has broadened. His title is Director of Athletic Operations and Sports Information. He played a significant part in the

establishment of the sprint football team. "The demise of varsity football almost killed me, so I was there at the beginning of discussions for sprint football," McCloskey said.

"I have been honored by many organizations and clubs," McCloskey said, "but my biggest honor is working with and becoming part of the lives of my student-assistants. They are a special group of people who always, it seems, make my life a lot better."

McCloskey has been tested through hardships with school, the loss of his mother and the work it took to build a Sports Information Department that is renowned among Division II colleges. He is a father, husband, son, brother and friend, yet he feels that his role as a leader is one of the most rewarding aspects of his life.

Galloway taught himself to lead

by Kristina Apfl

Nathan Galloway was born with the gift of music.

Galloway is a Mansfield University senior music performance major. He plays the Euphonium. He faced problems while beginning his music career, but his love of music kept him going.

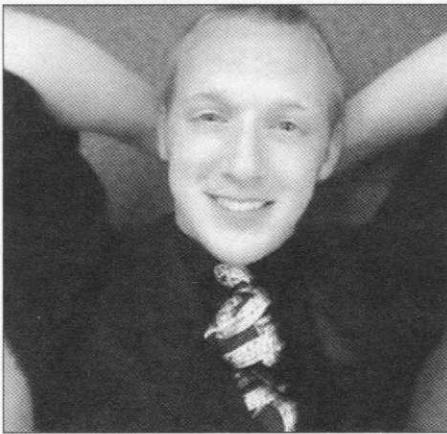
His biggest problem was the cost. He could not afford to get music lessons or to buy his own instrument. It was not until college when he could own the instrument he had saved up for.

His other problem was his hearing. "If you do not have a good ear, it is hard to thrive with music," Galloway said. Galloway developed hearing problems when he was young. He could barely hear. He overcame this problem by taking care of his ears and developing his hearing so that it was sensitive enough to listen to and play music.

He taught himself to play.

Galloway has excelled in academics and music. His time is devoted to practice. "I find myself living and breathing music and spending most of my time in Butler studios where I go to practice outside of class," Galloway said. He has been active in the brass band, the symphonic band, the trombone choir, the basketball band, the pit orchestra for musicals and the trombone quartet.

Galloway participates in several organizations. He is treasurer for Tau Beta Sigma, principal euphonium in wind en-



Nathan Galloway looks up to the teachers who have impacted his life. "I thank them all."

semble and lead trombone in jazz band. He was section leader for marching band his junior year.

Galloway gave his senior recital in March. "It was a great opportunity for me to give my recital to my peers but it was sad. It was the last solo performance I could do at Mansfield University," Galloway said.

Outside of school Galloway has shown his dedication to music by being an active member in the Penn' Dixie Band. The Penn' Dixie Band performs all over Pennsylvania and neighboring states. The band has performed in more than 20 parades in the past three summers. "I've had to balance participating in the band while hold-

ing a full-time job," Galloway said. "It helped me develop a professional attitude and gave me the opportunity to interact with other musicians."

Galloway travelled to Florida to be part of The National Collegiate Band in the summer of 2007.

Galloway also plays trombone, tuba, French horn and piano.

"Growing up I had a lot of musical influence around me which got me interested in learning more instruments," Galloway said. "I taught myself how to play [all of them]."

When Galloway looks at his future he sees what he can become. "I would like to get a masters in music performance and one day be able to perform in a military band," Galloway said. "Music is a big part of my life, but music is a big part of everyone's life in some shape or form. We do not always realize how big an impact it can have on us."

Galloway's friend Cory Doubrava sees Galloway as a leader. "Nathan knows what he wants in life and goes for it. He has always shown me that with hard work and dedication, you can amount to anything," Doubrava said. "He once told me that it does not take a smart person to make smart decisions. If you persevere in what you want and get past the hard times, you can be successful. Nathan's practice and dedication shows tremendous leadership."

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go into the service. It's an honor to serve our country."

Her daughter's name, Brie, stems from her time spent in the service. "My best friend died from injuries in Iraq. [She] said if she ever had another girl, she'd name her Brie," Stocum said. "She died this past October, so I decided to name my child in memory of her."

After retiring from the military, Stocum enrolled at Mansfield University in August, 2007. She hopes to work at the mental health hospital for the Veterans Administration when she graduates. "Coming home from Iraq, there were social workers on the plane whose job was to try to get us out of combat mode and into civil mode," Stocum said. "None of them had any military experience. That's when I decided I wanted to work with veterans as a mental health specialist. I wanted to be able to say 'Yeah. I know what it's like to see another man die in combat.' and understand where their feelings are coming from."

Stocum looked to the VA Hospital concerning her pregnancy with Brie. "I've had the best medical care of my life through the VA," Stocum said. "They've helped me immensely through

my pregnancy. I couldn't be more thankful for the doctors I've gotten."

Despite the aid from the VA, Stocum didn't receive much support at the beginning of her pregnancy. "Most of my doctors encouraged me to have an abortion because of the risk involved in having a baby," Stocum said. "An abortion was something I just couldn't do. I went with my Christian faith when making this decision. I may not have had the doctors on my side during the early decision-making process, but I had God there."

Brie's birth will be during finals week, Stocum exudes pride, excitement and anxiety about her baby girl. "I can't wait to get her toesies painted and ears pierced," Stocum said. "I'm excited I'm having a girl. I'm not much for crying, but when I found out I was having a girl on Christmas Eve, I couldn't help but get a little teary-eyed. I've wanted to have a child since I got married. It's the coolest thing in the world. I talk to her all the time. I explain to her what I'm doing, what the weather's like and I play Christian music for her. I'm nervous about the whole 'giving birth' thing, but I try to take it one day at a time."

**“If your actions inspire
others to dream more, learn
more, do more and become
more, you are a leader.”**
John Quincy Adams

Debra Marbaker stays true to herself to inspire the next generation

by Whitney McKnight

With her shoulder length brown hair and head-turning smile, 21-year-old Debra Marbaker is putting a new spin on female confidence and feminism.

Watching her converse with the students at Mansfield University looking confident and friendly, it is easy to see why Mansfield University student and classmate of Deb's is impressed with her. "Deb is willing to step outside of the box when no one else can think of an idea. She is also really great at inspiring others and letting others take the lead when necessary," Samantha Goldthwait, said. Having the opportunity to sit down with Deb, it can be learned what made her into the leader she is today, and how to become a better leader.

Q: What was your childhood like?

A: My childhood caused me to have a ridiculous fear of failure. I was always scared I couldn't make people happy with what I was doing. I was the kid without a lot of friends. I didn't get to participate in extracurricular activities because my family didn't have any money. I wore hand-me-down clothes, but my mom always did the best. I admire her for how she made due being a single mother. The kids around me didn't understand that. I was never the kid with the new backpack and they made me feel that if I did anything wrong they would laugh at me. I don't think that any little girl should feel that way.

Q: What would you tell your childhood self?

A: The only person you should allow to judge you is yourself. Love yourself, and remember that you can't give others what they deserve if you don't. You need to respect yourself and be proud of everything you accomplish. I wish I could tell myself to understand that you can't be perfect, but you can always do your best and give your all in everything that you do. One day a

new backpack won't matter, and then you will get your chance to shine.

Q: What does leadership mean to you?

A: Leadership to me is being a positive role model for those who follow you. Not just listening but hearing what others have to say, and keeping an open mind about their opinions. Most of all I believe in Gandhi's philosophy to "be the change you wish to see in the world". We can't be stagnant. We should always be striving to be something better.

Q: What activities are you involved in at Mansfield University?

A: I am the vice president of PRSSA which is the Public Relations Students' Society of America. I initially joined because it was related to my major, but then I realized that it was an important unrecognized group here. My job as vice president is to boost morale and use my public relations skills to recruit membership. The position gives me the opportunity to really interact with the student community.

I also use my public relations skills as a member of the Political Science club and the Environmental Awareness club. I am

the public relations director for the PSC and although I do not hold an office in the EAC I am very passionate about recycling. We organize campus clean-ups on Sunday afternoons where we invite members of other organizations to join us. We also manage the recycling bins on campus. We try to get the campus more aware when it comes to the environment.

Another organization I am proud of would be FMLA. Representing FMLA is important to me because I get the chance to encourage positive views of feminism. Most people see feminists as extreme radicals that burn their bras, but actually feminism means that we are all equal. I don't care if you're a man or a woman; we should all get the same chances and be treated as equals.

Q: What is your next step in life?

A: You are beautiful just the way you are. Remember to always do what makes you happy and not what you think will help you fit in. Some day you are going to be happy that you didn't change yourself to be a part of the group but instead stood your ground. Keep your head up and watch where you are going. Most importantly never do anything you don't want to do to make someone else like you. Not everyone is going to like you, and those that don't, don't matter. Stay true to yourself, and always be proud of who you are.

Q: What would you say to all of the young girls in the world today?

A: You are beautiful just the way you are. Remember to always do what makes you happy and not what you think will help you fit in. Some day you are going to be happy that you didn't change yourself to be a part of the group but instead stood your ground. Keep your head up and watch where you are going. Most importantly never do anything you don't want to do to make someone else like you. Not everyone is going to like you, and those that don't, don't matter. Stay true to yourself, and always be proud of who you are.

Watching her participate in class discussion, or lead an organization meeting, it's easy to see why Debra has had such a large impact on the Mansfield University community. Being a leader in major campus organizations, as well as in the classroom has helped Debra overcome her past and molded her into a leader for all girls in the future.



Maintaining a professional look allows Marbaker to best represent herself.

Crossroads staff



From back to front

Fourth row: Adviser Dan Mason, Jon Dinan

Third row: Shane Chapman, Whitney McKnight, Ad manager Heather Coyle, Chris Boswell, Nicole Hagan

Second row, right: Nick Abel

First row: Andrew Taylor, Editor Rebecca Hazen, Nancy Edwards, Trisha Phillip, Kristina Apfl

Leadership is more than a role. It is a position that requires dedication, wisdom and most of all perseverance. An effective leader puts others before themselves without question or objection, placing more emphasis on achieving a goal than obtaining credit. Resolving conflict, managing multiple personalities and perspectives and inspiring others to succeed are each vital elements of leadership. True leaders go above and beyond the call of their duties, acting as a model to the society of tomorrow.

Nick Abel

Leadership is not being in the front of the group, but in the middle. That way everyone around you can see and hear you as you put forth all your effort to complete an objective. A leader does not complete an objective for one's own ambitions but for the collective ambitions of the group.

Chris Boswell

Leadership is a choice.

Andrew Taylor

Leadership means having the courage to help others embrace the future.

Nancy Edwards

Leadership means that someone takes control of a situation and makes it her own and can prove that she can take charge and do well in whatever she is doing. A leader has goals and works hard to achieve them.

Trisha Philip

Leadership is the ability to be the odd duck out and still proudly wear your feathers.

Whitney McKnight

Leadership is having a strong sense of self and not being afraid to be the minority, not being afraid to face the wind when everyone else turns their backs.

Nicole Hagan

Leadership is knowing your voice can be heard above the rest. You can step in front of your peers and lead a life and an objective to a higher level.

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Theodore Roosevelt

“I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.”

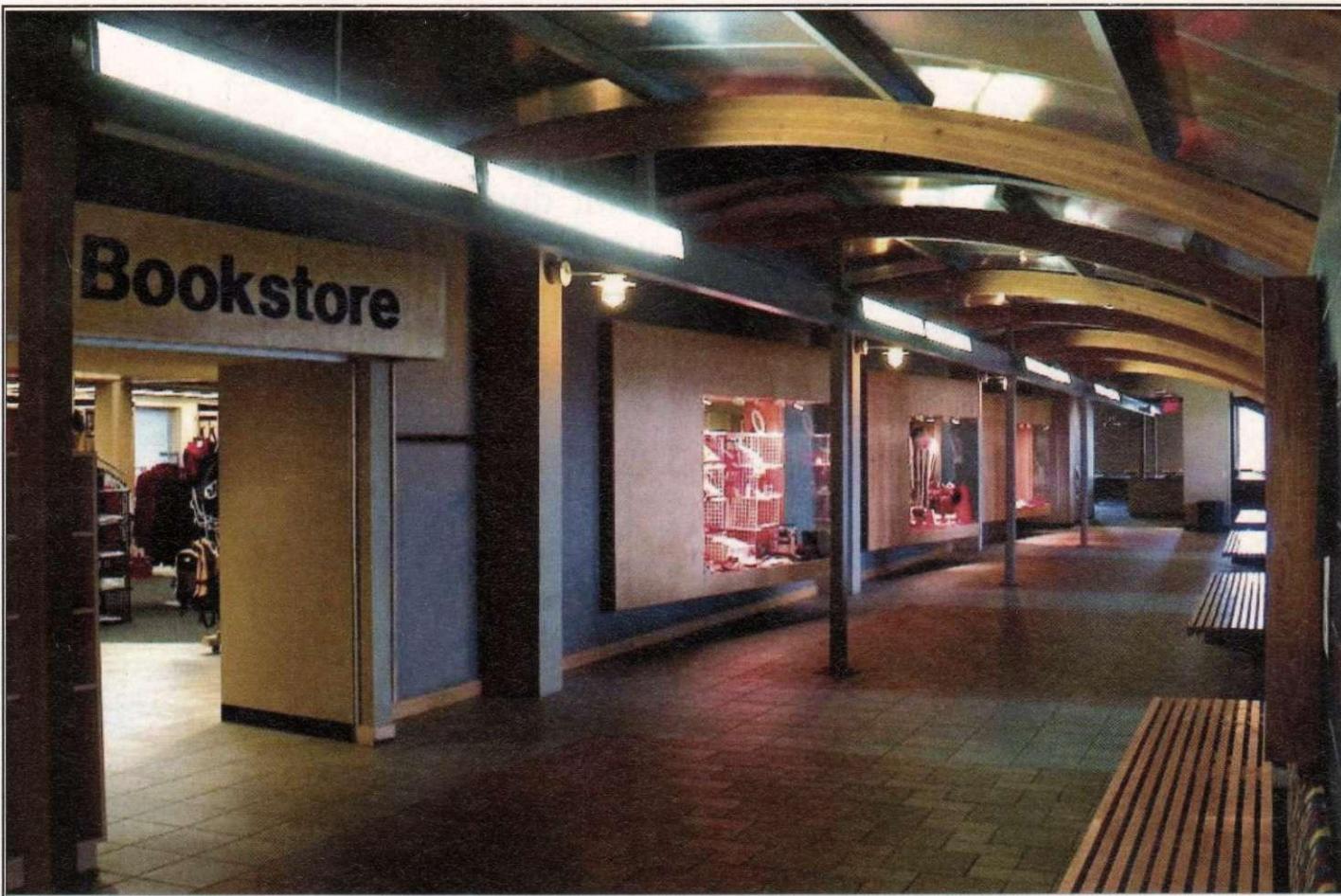
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